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NATIONAL BUILDING LOCKOUT.

EMPLOYERS' DECISION.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, June 20.—The National Conference of building employers has decided to declare a national lockout from July 5 to enforce the observance of national agreements.

LATER.
The lockout will involve nearly 700,000 workers and will probably mean a stoppage of the bulk of building throughout the country. The decision is all the more surprising because a national agreement embodying a settlement mentioned on May 30 was formally signed on only June 16.

The employers in declining to endorse settlement and breaking off negotiations point out the continuous disputes and revolts throughout the country, particularly strikes.

The Liverpool building operatives declare that the employers have repudiated their own negotiating committee and hint that, if the settlement terms are not observed, the operatives may strike without awaiting the lockout.

HOME CRICKET.

ESSEX'S SPORTING DEFEAT.

SOUTH AFRICANS' NARROW VICTORY.

LONDON, June 20.—At Colchester play was continued in fine weather. At 12.30 Essex declared at 345 for 9 wickets, the innings having lasted 5 hours and 9 minutes. J. W. H. T. Douglas scored 40 not out. Carter took 5 wickets for 70.

The South Africans replied with 239 for 9 wickets. (Nourse 36, Hands 64; Loudon 4 for 82.)

[In the first innings Essex made 155 and the visitors 263. The South Africans therefore win by one wicket.]

Kent v. Middlesex.

At Tonbridge, Middlesex beat Kent by 49 runs. Middlesex made 233 (F. T. Mann 83) and 134 (Collins 8 for 72). Kent managed 130 (Durston 5 for 55) and 198 (Durston 5 for 67).

Gloucester v. Lancashire.

At Gloucester, Lancashire beat Gloucester by 208 runs. Lancashire made 313 (Iddon 86) and 225 for 5 declared (E. Tyldesley 96). Gloucester scored 179 and 151.

COUNTY MATCHES.

Northants v. Notts.

At Northampton, Notts beat Northants by three wickets. Northants scored 134 and 172 (Richmond 8 wickets for 56). Notts replied with 96 (Wells 5 for 35) and 211 for 7 (Whysall 138).

Glamorgan v. Warwick.

At Cardiff, Warwick beat Glamorgan by 170 runs. Warwick's totals were 269 and 169. Glamorgan scored 184 in each innings.

JAPAN'S PROTEST.

TOKYO, June 20.—While generally appreciating the sincere and friendly tone of the American reply to Japan's protest, the papers agree in declaring the reply is empty and theoretical and fails to answer Japan's contention.

It is indicated that Japan will keep the question open until a more favourable opportunity, presumably after the American elections and the assembly of the new Congress.

LIVE BOMBS.

CALCUTTA, June 20.—The two Bengalese caught red-handed when the police discovered a complete bomb factory here in March, have been sentenced to ten and seven years' transportation, respectively, for possessing live bombs.

AMERICAN AVIATORS.

RANGOON, June 20.—The American world flyers have arrived here.

MISSING FORTUNE.

THOUSANDS DISAPPEAR FROM BANK.

CONSPIRACY ALLEGED.

"It will be the most amazing story ever heard," said Lord Halsbury, K.C., referring to a forthcoming action brought by Charles Robinson, a merchant, against the Midland Bank, from which he claimed £125,000.

Lord Halsbury applied to the King's Bench on behalf of Robinson for a rule calling on the *Daily Mail* to show cause why it should not be committed for contempt of court.

The newspaper said counsel had commented on Robinson's statement of claim. It had been disclosed that a person of high position, incorrectly described as an Indian Rajah, drew a cheque for £150,000, which was placed to Robinson's credit in the Midland Bank in 1920.

Robinson recently returned to England and found that almost all the money had been withdrawn, and he thereupon undisclosed the contents alleging that the money had been taken by means of forged

GOOD WORK.

MORE BANDITS SHOT IN CANYON.

According to the Canton Gazette,

General Li Fook-tum, the bandit commander has ordered eight more bandits to be shot and the death sentence has been carried out. Five were found guilty of having taken part in piratical attacks on river steamers and tow-boats and the other three were shot for their part in a robbery at Wang Lai.

Subsequently he found that he had ground for action against the bank.

Lord Halsbury said that behind the forthcoming action there was "a most sinister and wicked criminal conspiracy." That was common ground between Robinson and the bank, but after the plottings had closed the bank added a charge of "gross fraud" against Robinson, suggesting that he was one of the conspirators.

The court refused the application, declaring that the comment of the *Daily Mail* was not calculated to prevent a fair trial.

The following will represent the Filipino Baseball Team in a match to-day, against the Hongkong Baseball Club, weather permitting.—M. J. Rull, Catcher;

G. Angeles, Pitcher; G. Sanchez, 1st Base; J. M. Silos, 2nd Base; C. Malig, 3rd Base; J. M. Cruz, Short Stop; R. F. Garcia, Right Field (Capt.); T. Leonardo, Centre Field; C. Francisco, Left Field. Substitutes—J. Delgado and J. Castro.

Sir Colville Barclay, the British Minister at Stockholm, has been appointed Minister at Budapest.

The death is announced of Admiral Sir John Hext at his residence, St. Benets, Newton Abbot, Devon, at the age of 61. He was director of the Royal Indian Marine, 1888-1898.

Dr. William Norwood East, who as senior medical officer of Brixton Prison, has given evidence as to the mental condition of accused persons in many famous trials, has been appointed Medical Inspector of H.M. Prison of Brixton and Wales.

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AMERICAN NEWSPAPER COMMENT.

MACDONALD A. PALMERSTON.

(Renier's American Service.)

NEW YORK, June 20.—

Commenting on Britain's action in breaking off relations with Mexico, the *Times* says Mexico was clearly entitled to demand the recall of Mr. Cummins but this ought to have been done without the use of offensive language.

The *World* is startled at the sight of the Pacifist Mr. MacDonald bearing himself in an international dispute very much as Lord Palmerston would have done.

The *New York World* says the MacDonald Government inherited from Lord Curzon a quarrel with the Obregon Administration which through ignorance or obstinacy it has made its own, and in breaking with Mexico it has manifested an unfriendly spirit with makes its motives questionable.

FIGHT WITH FISTS.

FRENCH CHAMBER UPROAR.

EXCITEMENT AT MIDNIGHT.

PARIS, June 20.—

There was an uproar in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday evening and the sitting was twice suspended; firstly, owing to the battle of expletives between the Right and Left factions, and secondly owing to a fight with fists between the Socialists and Communists.

At midnight the Socialists assaulted a Communist deputy who declared the Socialists were traitors to the working classes because they supported the Government.

The Communists rushed to the support of their colleague and melee ensued. The Communist deputy M. Marty, standing on a bench, directed operations, whirling a belt round his head.

The Radicals were aghast but the Right Centre cheered ironically.

In the Chamber of Deputies treating of the financial question, Premier Herriot declared he was always a defender of budget stability, and that he did not want the introduction of new expenses without corresponding profits to the Government, but that he would work for the realization of economies. Outlining his programme apart from political issues, M. Herriot announced that he was in full accord with England and Belgium, and that France would oblige Germany to respect the guarantees it would give, adding that France was quite pacific and wanted to solve the payment question and to assure her safety. The Chamber of Deputies has passed a vote of confidence, 513 to 234, in the new Premier.

APPEAL TO UNITE.

SOUTH AFRICA'S FUTURE.

NATIONALISTS' ASPIRATIONS.

CAPETOWN, June 20.—

A message from Pretoria states that Mr. Tielman Roos, leader of the Transvaal Nationalists, writes to the Dutch newspaper *Onderstaander* inviting our South African Party brothers to unite with us."

Mr. Tielman Roos says the Nationalist Party will act moderately and fairly, hoping to create a better future for the country. He urges a reunion of all Dutch desiring to develop and build up South Africa.

[Addressing an enthusiastic open-air demonstration, Mr. Hertzog emphasised the necessity of co-operation between the two races, for which he had always worked. He declared that although the Pact was formally ended, he was convinced that the two parties strongly desired to continue to co-operate. Mr. Hertzog gave his assurance that the people of South Africa would no longer be governed by violence.]

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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Glasgow magistrates agreed to offer the freedom of the city to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

Coffins opened by Customs officers on the German-Lancashire frontier were found to contain human remains.

The Postmaster-General states that the only mails destroyed in the fire on the Delhi express were printed matter, samples, and so on, for the Punjab despatched from England on April 17.

The Royal Academy authorities oppose, owing to staff difficulties, the opening of the Academy on Sundays for the benefit of British Empire Exhibition visitors spending a few days in London.

The R.M.S.P. "Orion" (16,000 tons) was in collision with the Norwegian steamer "Porsanger" (4,267 tons) in a dense fog recently off Father Point, on the St. Lawrence near the mouth, but was able to proceed.

A gift of 1,000 guineas has been made to the Scouts of Kent by Mr. J. Wheeler-Bennett, the High Sheriff, to form a nucleus for an endowment fund, which it is hoped to create for the development of scouting in the country.

The conference of the Union of Post Office Workers at Tiverton passed a resolution urging the Postmaster-General to examine the possibilities of Post Office development, with special reference to a system of cash-on-delivery parcels.

Sir John Bowen-Jones, who was in attendance on Queen Victoria at the opening of the Great Exhibition in 1851, visited the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley, and said the exhibition of 1851 could be tucked away in a corner of the present one.

At Buckingham Palace a delegation from the Ulster linen trade presented to the Queen one dozen linen damask table cloths and twelve dozen table napkins, with an illuminated address as a souvenir of the Irish linen exhibit at the British Empire Exhibition.

The King and Queen of Romania were shown over the League of Nations Palace at Geneva by Sir Eric Drummond, and over the International Labour Office by M. Albert Thomas, the director, who said they were the first heads of States to visit the organisation.

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ANOTHER VANBRUGH.

When Prudence Vanbrugh came out to the London Coliseum stage the other day there was a general murmur of "How like her Aunt Irene!" She grows more like her as she talks, for she has a voice which might be mistaken for Irene Vanbrugh's, and has many similar tricks of expression. She has, too, her aunt's fascinating dimples and her funny little gurgle of half-suppressed laughter. In other ways she resembles her mother, Violet Vanbrugh, and she may have her mother's emotional power. "The Chap Upstairs," in which she now appears, is a very slight sketch which requires nothing much in the way of acting, and which owes a good deal to the Vanbrugh charm, says a "Daily Chronicle" writer. Nobody will be more pleased at her success than her mother, who is devoted to her. To Violet Vanbrugh during the past few years one of the great joys of acting in London has been that it let her be with her daughter. As her mother has been so often on tour, Prudence spent much of her girlhood with her aunt, Irene Vanbrugh.

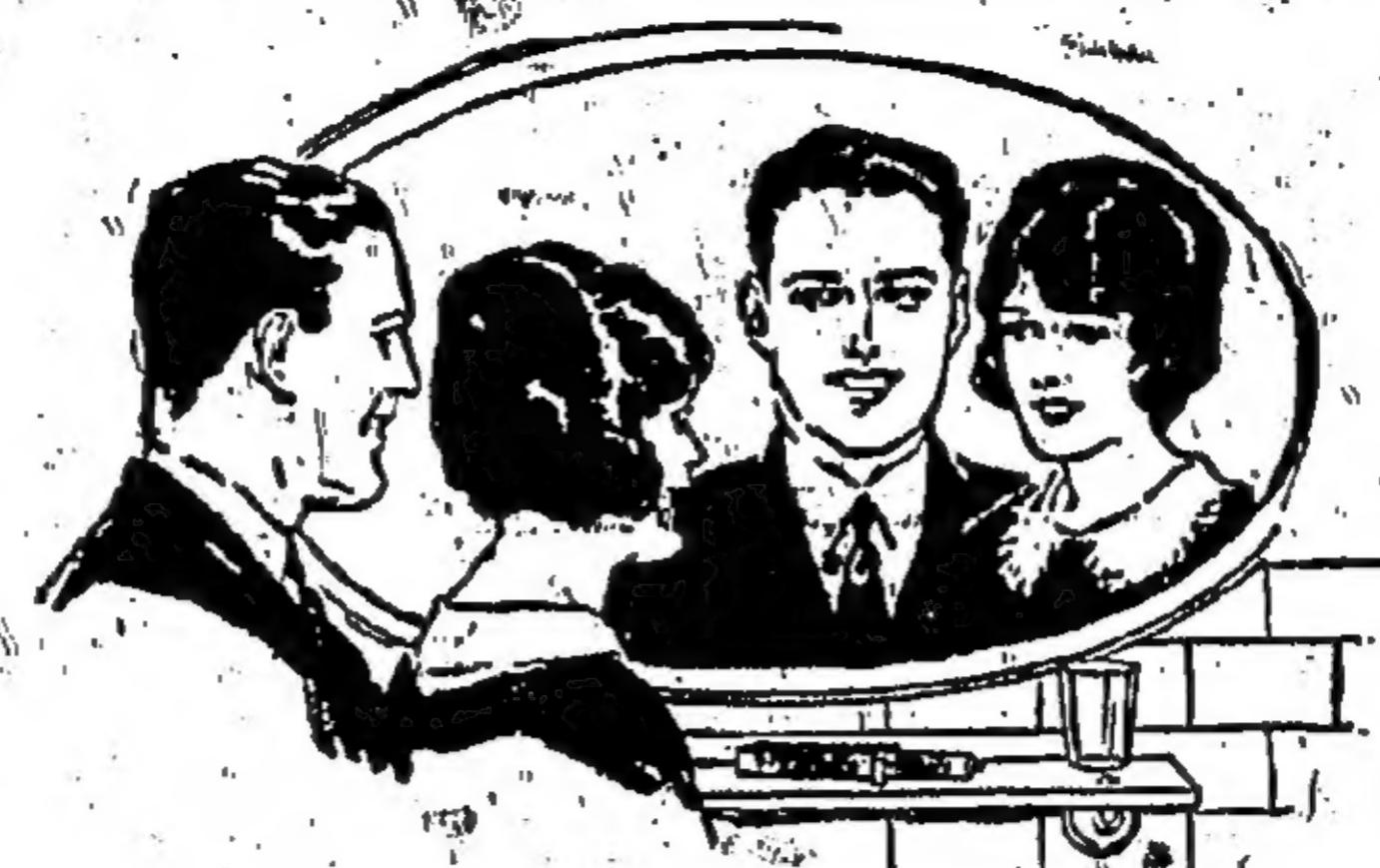
Above all, violets seem to be the symbol of spring. The hepaticas and bloodroot come earlier. The anemones, nodding in the chill north wind, anticipate them by a few days. Then the violets spread their purple carpet over everything. It is curious that the floral year comes in and goes out with that exquisite azure. The violets reflect the sky under the broad splendour of April and May. The asters and the fringed gentians cover the fields with the same pallid, delicate grace in the fading weeks of September and October. And always the violets have been special favourites of the poets, the "Youths' Companion" reminds us. Homer and Theocritus loved them in the Greece of long ago. Pale violets peep from the verses of Virgil. Shakespeare and Milton touched them lightly and delicately, as they should be touched, for theirs is not the flaring glory of the lily or the rose. Keats in one line used violets to show what the infinite imaginative suggestion of the poet can do and what the concrete representation of the painter cannot: "Fast-fading violets covered up in leaves." Only poetry can render the subtle, melancholy, far-reaching grace conveyed by that little epithet, "fast-fading."

After Eight Years Work.

One of the most difficult engineering feats in Japanese railway construction has just been brought to a successful conclusion in the opening of the Orito tunnel off the Aomori-Shimonoseki direct line, the second great trunk railway of Japan. This tunnel is a mile long and has taken eight years of arduous work to bore due to many new engineering problems that constantly had to be solved. Together with the completion of the section between Murakami and Atsumi, this tunnel will shorten the distance between Aomori and Osaka by 150 miles. It is expected that the entire line will be open for traffic before the end of July and it will constitute not only one of the most useful from a commercial standpoint, but is considered absolutely indispensable from a military one. It has cost nearly Y.100,000,000, but gives a more direct route from the northern to the southern end of Honshu and forming a new connecting link between many important ports and cities of the northern and western districts of the island, serving especially the districts along the shore line. The tunnel has not been the only difficult bit of engineering on this line, since the Murakami-Atsumi section has called into play all the ingenuity of the construction forces of the northern district. In less than two months the construction forces will turn over the finished section to the operating officials after many years of arduous work.

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DEATH.

SACHSE.—On June 20, 1924, in England, Georgia Ada Sachse. (By Cable).

The China Mail.

Hongkong, Saturday, June 21, 1924.

THE BOMB OUTRAGE AND ITS LESSONS.

Sir Edward Stubbs' message congratulating the Governor-General of Indo-China upon his narrow escape from death and sympathising with the French community's sad loss will be warmly endorsed by all sections of the Colony. M. Merlin is indeed a fortunate man to have escaped.

Naturally there are those, ever looking the stable after the horse has been stolen, who now insist that the function should never be held in the unguarded spot chosen. They refer to the exalted rank of the principal guest whose lives were claimed in guest, and murmuring darkly the terrible tragedy, we can only say about possible motives for the

crime, suggest that he should not have been allowed to leave the security of a warship or a carefully picketed consulate. These be it said, however, are only the few. The great majority are aghast that the imagined safety of the Shemeen could have been so rudely shattered. They could never have thought that such a daring outrage were possible.

This blind trust is the more tragic, after Thursday night's crime, because it is maintained, that Shemeen could be made suffer than the heart of London itself. Few criminals will undertake an outrage if escape is impossible and death is their certain fate. Roused by the horror which has taken place in their midst, most Shemeen residents, we understand, now insist that escape can be made impossible from their island and contend that with proper measures in force every evildoer would seal his own doom the moment he committed a crime.

The measures they suggest are simple and the outlay involved is not at all heavy. Firstly they suggest that every European be allowed to carry arms, so that once the alarm is raised the concession will become a hive of armed men ready to bring down anybody striving to evade pursuit. Even if the escape is being made under cover of darkness, they maintain, the odds will then be strongly against the fugitive getting away. They point out, with telling effect, that few Europeans encountering Thursday night's armed dastard could have attempted to stop him without courting almost certain death; that, indeed, the only European who came to close quarters with him was speedily put out of action with a wound in the head.

But the permission to carry arms, however useful, is not in itself enough. Even more stringent measures are required. Many Shemeen residents now urge that a volunteer corps should be formed, to rally, at a given signal, in just the same way as a volunteer fire brigade turns out when the alarm is raised. The members of this corps could assemble at given points when need arose, and at the very least they could come to the front of their houses. In this way every native in the streets could be stopped and searched, while anyone seen to be making off could promptly be winged and brought down. Attempts to offer fight would be futile, for the first sign of resistance would bring to the spot dozens of armed men ready for every contingency.

One more scheme the Shemeen's European residents have to suggest, and the expense of this, we are told, they would be prepared to shoulder themselves through a public subscription if the money was not forthcoming from any other source. This is to enclose the whole island with an iron fence too high for even the most agile to scale. There could be gateways in this fence, for bridge and sampan traffic, and everyone passing through these gateways, especially after dark, could be subjected to the most searching scrutiny. The moment the alarm was sounded—a police whistle would be enough—all the gateways could be slammed and nobody allowed egress until the fugitive had been caught. Anyone seen attempting to scale the fence could be shot down without mercy.

These may strike prosaic Hongkong residents as alarmist ideas, but Shemeen folk, we are assured, are in deadly earnest. Apart from Thursday night's outrage, sufficiently terrible itself alone to demand rigorous measures, they feel they cannot enjoy any real sense of security until greater protection has been provided. What has been done once can be done again, and although it is true that the present outrage was probably actuated by some special motive, the seeming ease of the escape, coupled with the extreme audacity of the crime, will not have been lost upon the criminal classes.

Draastic evils require drastic remedies, and looking to all the circumstances, it would appear to be the height of folly to ignore the lessons of a very terrible and a very costly disaster.

Typhoon Warnings.

Without having first heard what master mariners, as a class, have to say regarding the reported laxity in supplying the Hongkong Royal Observatory with weather reports when in wireless communication with Cape D'Aguilar, it might perhaps appear hasty to describe their attitude as wholly apathetic. Since it is as much in their interest as anybody's that the highest pitch of efficiency should be attained, it must be supposed that they would readily do all they possibly could to perfect the system. However, the statistics given by Mr. T. F. Claxton and Mr. L. H. King, together with the very plain wording of the Chamber of Commerce circular, suggest that there is distinct room for improvement. The circular needs no explanation. Nor does the importance of its purport require emphasis. We would only add, from the layman's point of view and for the information of the general public, that one peculiarity of typhoons mentioned in the circular, namely their tendency to "curve," was mainly responsible for the most disastrous catastrophe the China Coast has seen in recent memory. On that memorable Monday morning in 1906, the signals were hoisted to be supplanted by the black cross only an hour or so later. As result of the short notice many craft failed to reach shelter and people were caught crossing the harbour. The track of the typhoon was such that it did not affect any reporting station. The argument at present is that if a ship had been near at hand when the typhoon entered the Colony's "danger zone," Hongkong might have been warned earlier. It cannot be taken for granted that every cyclone entering the South China Sea will be notified in advance but a system of taking observations and passing them on, as suggested by the Observatory and endorsed by the Chamber of Commerce, will guarantee the greatest good humanly possible.

Warship Episode.

Our Chefoo correspondent's report, in yesterday's issue, of the attempt to capture the Chinese cruiser "Hai Chi" makes interesting reading on account of the part this vessel has played in Canton politics during the last few years. The "Hai Chi" is the flagship of the First Northern Cruiser Squadron which migrated southwards when Marshal Tuan Chih-jui overran Peking and virtually expelled the then President, Li Yuan-hung. Declaring that his object was to support the "constitution," Admiral Ching Pek-kwong threw in his lot with Dr. Sun Yat-sen. After a year or so in Canton this Admiral—since acclaimed by all as one of the most conscientious politicians since the overthrow of the monarchy—was assassinated, and his statue now stands on Dutch Folly Island in the Canton harbour. Then came the announcement of the vessel's capture by some of Dr. Sun's adherents; also of the other warships at Canton, the personnel being suspected of disloyal tendencies. When in June, 1922, Dr. Sun ordered the bombardment of Canton, the "Hai Chi" remained inactive at Whampoa although her decks were cleared for action. During Chan Kwing-ming's short-lived regime its commander adopted a policy of masterly inactivity. Admiral Wen Shu-tak eventually obtained control and led the division back to the North. Rumour is responsible for a statement that the "Hai Chi" took part in the abortive bombardment of Tuchun Mi's *yamen* on White Cloud Mountain but this has never been confirmed. During their stay in Kwangtung the cruisers were never a decisive factor in Canton politics although their goodwill, taking the form of non-interference, did count a little. More recently the warships were openly accused of being a drag on Canton's overburdened resources and their leaders' policy was described as being purely mercenary in that they are alleged to have sold their loyalty to the highest bidder. The account of the attempt by Southerners to capture the vessel by surprise at Chefoo suggests that there are some who prize this obsolete ship.

Whether the intention was to bring her back to Canton or not is not known, but history shows that the vessel's influence on the trend of Chinese politics anywhere can only be nominal.

Notwithstanding the SKILFUL great engineering difficulties which have been encountered during the construction of the underground tunnels for the new north side tubes in London, the margin of error at no time during the cutting exceeded a quarter of an inch. This remarkable achieve-

ment indicates the care which is being taken to insure absolute safety of final operation, which will be further provided for by the installation of devices to bring all trains in the section concerned to an automatic standstill on the slightest breakdown of the apparatus. The example furnished in this connection could be well emulated by railroads in general throughout the world.

We Some-TAX COMEDIES.

times wonder how much cinema stars pay in income tax. Some of them are credited with salaries up to a quarter of a million dollars per annum, and it would be interesting to see their returns. Perhaps they have a private arrangement with their firms whereby a very much subtler amount appears on the books. The sleuths are always on the qui vive for taxable persons. British artists visiting Australia, we read, are held up for part of their earnings there, and in their zeal the officials do some funny things. In a British picture recently exhibited in Melbourne the leading part was taken by G. H. Mulcaster, of "Bulldog Drummond" fame. The manager of the theatre immediately received a letter from the taxation office demanding to know the weekly salary paid to Mr. Mulcaster and the length of his engagement. He referred them to the "producers" in London. Tableau! He recalls the fact that when "The Beggar's Opera" was running in London last year an income tax genius wrote to the management requiring him to supply the address of Mr. John Gay. He was uncertain whether it was paradise or hades, but he hoped it was paradise.

That Five Per Cent.

It must be commonly known that a household servant likes to deal with a compatriot because of the "squeeze" he can make.

There is no secret that a rebate, usually of five per cent., is given by nearly all Chinese caterers. European establishments will not countenance *cumshaws*, hence the opposition from servants. At the outset it should be explained who is the real culprit. If a cook and a boy are employed in one home, not to speak of other servants, it is the cook who invariably has the final say. If there is only one servant performing the dual role of "cook-boy," his claim to the commission is undisputed. If a housewife insists on doing her own cooking but employs a boy, he enjoys the cook's privileges as far as the shopping is concerned.

Obliging Cooks.

"Old-established" comedores and those with reputations to uphold are never wilfully dishonest," said my man who has been through the mill. They are in the hands of the cook and must comply with his requests to retain his goodwill and co-operation which is essential in the catering business. When mistakes are made the cook, if he is favourably disposed towards the comedore or market stallholder, can either cover the fault or explain it away. Should something not ordered be sent up because the desired article is out of stock or unobtainable like fish in typhoon weather—the cook can be depended upon to corroborate the supplier's excuse.

"From the very commencement of European habitation in the Far East the five per cent. commission has always been recognised and has now become a permanent understanding," our informant added.

Short Weight Dodges.

A veritable network of irregularities, one hinging on another, has sprung up as a result of the relations between the employee and the caterer. The rebate is an incentive to the cook to run up the bill, giving a larger turnover for the shop and, generally, increased profit. When opportunity occurs, cooks have been known to ask the shop to supply short-weight. For whatever is delivered short at their request is credited to them, the usual understanding being immediate payment in cash to the cook of eighty per cent. of the short-weight value although the bill may not be paid till the end of the month.

Supposing three pounds of chicken are ordered at sixty cents a pound. The cook decides that he can make two and a half pounds suffice. He instructs the shop accordingly and gets paid 1/2 lb. at 60 cents—30 cents, 80 per cent. of which means 24 cents in cash to him. But for this bit of "squeeze" he has to allow the shop to supply only two and a quarter or two pounds, he being more or less in the hands of the shop. Then the shop cook who is entrusted with the delivery, being conversant with the state of affairs, sees a chance of making some "tea-money" for himself.

Of course, this example might not hold good in the case of chicken but it would for other articles of food. There is also the temptation of the vendor to supply goods of inferior quality to that stipulated.

Tale of a Ham.

Senior members of the Hongkong Police recall a story of an Irish inspector who was stationed at Kowloon years ago. His boy returned from Hongkong without a ham that he had been sent to fetch. Full of remorse he explained that he had dropped it into the water while crossing the harbour.

Without a word the inspector set out with the boy. They took a sampan and when in the middle of the harbour the boy was made to point out the exact spot where the ham had been "inadvertently" dropped overboard. When the boy indicated a certain spot the

HONGKONG SQUEEZE PROBLEM.

SERVANTS' LITTLE WAYS REVEALED.

Former House Boy's Interesting Confessions.

STORY OF A LOST HAM AND A TIMELY MORAL.

(By Gai Ming for the China Mail.)

Reference by the chairman of the Peak Residents' Association to the tendency of Chinese household servants to encourage the patronage of compradore shops or market stalls in preference to the Peak Store again raises the question of the difficulties Europeans meet here in running a household. There must be some reason for this preference among servants. In the course of my inquiries it is fortunate that I should have come across a former "boy" who became partner in a compradore firm and is now a piece goods merchant. From him I have received a very frank resume of his experiences. However, it should be stated that he qualified his story by insisting that he was never in a position to exercise all the "tricks of the trade" given below. Moreover, this article does not pretend to be a full exposé of the Hongkong's servant evil; it deals with only a few of the lesser known aspects.

Our informant recalled what was done by a former colleague who was "No. 1 cook" in a boarding-house where the monthly bill assumed respectable dimensions. The cook had hidden among his culinary utensils pieces of steel of varying weights which he would insert into the meat when "missie" wanted to weigh it. Chicken was always protected, even in cold weather by a liberal sprinkling of ice, so liberal that small pieces were secreted judiciously to make up the difference in weight.

Fresh Eggs That Are Not. Methods of damaging a conscientious caterer were innumerable, according to my informant. Perishable articles of food could always be spoiled either by heating or other improper processes. Eggs could be substituted by others of the same "chop" which had been purposely kept back for some time for the sole purpose of proving that fresh eggs were not supplied from this particular shop. Fish of a quality and freshness suitable for "boiled" or "baked" would be "fried" with an explanation that it did not come up to requirements and had to be thus prepared.

A hostile servant would try to give the orders to the compradore piecemeal so that delivery would require several errands instead of one.

As little notice as possible would be given although it would have been possible and reasonable to have given an order some hours, if not days, ahead. Provisions which have been contracted for at fixed prices but which are scarce and therefore dear at certain times would be used as much as possible in framing menus. These were only a few of the obstacles, my informant added, which a cook could employ, without suspicion against a firm he did not wish to deal with.

Need For Action. In this connection it must be stated that the consensus of opinion consulted on this important question is that it has always been found expedient to deal with European stores who supply satisfactory goods at reasonable prices. It is a question which all European residents have to deal with. The remedy in individual cases lies with the person in charge but there is no gainsaying the fact that to attain the desired effect there must be concerted action. If, as a Peak lady said, her servants make it known to her that they would rather go all the way to market instead of bringing an order from the Peak Store, it is only natural to conclude that her servants have a reason for doing so. Whether it is only an excuse to visit friends down town or they have ulterior motives only experience can tell. The worst part of the evil is what is known as "legitimate squeeze." Provided it does not exceed normal limits, it is often tolerated as a necessary evil. It has been proved before that even a necessary evil can be dispensed with if one resolves to try and even a great deal of trouble caused but where there is a will there is a way.

Deceiving "Missie." Should this "working arrangement" be in existence, the cook would make himself responsible for protecting his confederate's interests. When short-weight or inferiority is detected just as the inspector held him by his queue—they word them in those days—and told him to go down and bring the ham up again. After a few minutes serious thought the boy confessed that the ham had been left in his brother's house in Hongkong! Verba sap.

SHAMEEN OUTRAGE

ASSASSIN STILL MISSING

ANNAMITE NOW SUSPECTED.

LATEST ABOUT SHOCKING CRIME.

Thursday night's terrible Shameen crime remains the topic of the hour. Warmest congratulations are still being showered upon the Governor-General of Indo-China upon his extremely fortunate escape from death, and the profoundest sympathy is being expressed for the French community in the sad loss it has suffered through the death of old and respected residents.

Hitherto all efforts to capture the fugitive assassin have failed and his identity still remains a mystery. Shameen opinion holds that after plunging into the river he had every chance of reaching safety and escaping altogether.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

The belief is growing in Canton that the culprit who threw the bomb is an Annamite who had been following the gubernatorial party from port to port since the beginning of the tour last April.

The incident has made it impossible for the Canton public to carry out the scheduled programme for the entertainment of the Governor-General of Indo-China.

M. Merlin was to have visited the Sacred Heart College, a French Mission institution, the Hospital Doumer and the Chinese-French Medical College, this morning, and to have lunched with Dr. Sun Yat-sen at noon.

The Wounded. Owing to the seriousness of their injuries it is difficult to ascertain the condition of the wounded.

Questioned by a representative of the *China Mail* this morning, Captain Neville, A.D.C. to His Excellency the Governor, said that they had received no further news, and M. Tulasne, the French Consul General at Hongkong, has also not heard of the condition of the wounded.

Dr. Casabianca Reported Dead.

LATER. According to reports of passengers on board last night's boat from Canton Dr. Casabianca, the Acting Consul, has died as the result of his injuries. There is no confirmation of this report but the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holycak, of Messrs. Holycak, Massey & Co., Ltd., has received news that Dr. Casabianca was in a very serious state. One of his arms was blown away and the other was badly injured. He was also wounded in the back. Mr. Holycak had also heard that the names of two others badly injured are Mr. Beard (face and leg wounds) and Mr. Rollin whose arm was torn open from the shoulder to the elbow.

A private cable received in Hongkong to-day states that inquiries made at the hospital show that worst is feared regarding Dr. Casabianca.

M. Merlin's Condition. The *China Mail* understands that M. Merlin was considerably depressed during yesterday evening but he appeared to be more cheerful this morning. "He will be leaving by the s.s. 'Chantilly' to-morrow afternoon."

Engagements Cancelled.

M. Merlin will not attend any further receptions arranged in his honour, feeling that this is not a time for celebrations on his behalf, and he has abandoned his proposed trip to Macao.

The Governor Grateful.

M. Chatel, the Chief of Staff, who together with M. Jeanbrau (Director of Political Affairs), and Captain Bernard (A. D. C.) accompanied M. Merlin from Hongkong escaped without injury. M. Chatel has thanked all who rendered first aid to the victims. These included the management of the Hotel who did everything in their power, English, American and Japanese Doctors and English and American sailors. M. Chatel states that the Governor-General is very grateful for all that was done to alleviate the suffering.

Story of the Crime.

M. Merlin, the Governor-General of Indo-China, returning from Japan where he went to study industrial conditions, left Hongkong for Canton on Thursday morning intending later to visit Macao as well.

It was at a dinner given in the Victoria Hotel, Shameen, by the French community, in honour of his visit to Canton that the dastardly attempt on his life was made.

The dinner was arranged in the ball-room of the Hotel, a room situated on the ground floor, on the left of the main entrance. The windows face east on to a street.

The guests had only taken their seats a few minutes and soup had just been served when a man whom eye-witnesses describe as dressed in a white singlet and shorts was seen outside the window. Almost at the same time that he was observed he threw a small handbag inside. The handbag fell on the end corner.

ANOTHER SMASH.

ABBOTT'S MACHINE AGAIN CRASHES.

Probably the most serious of Mr. Abbott's accidents with his aeroplane happened yesterday when, after a short flight above Kowloon City preparatory to meeting the Portuguese aviators, the machine landing wheels caught some telegraph wires and the machine crashed to the ground. Mr. Abbott was pinned underneath the wreckage and the body had to be torn away before he could be extricated. Fortunately, he sustained no broken bones, but he was severely bruised in several parts of his body. The aeroplane is now almost a total wreck.

According to the aviator, the accident was largely due to the wind which was constantly changing its direction. Instead of taking off from the reclamation ground towards the harbour, he reversed the process which makes him face the hills. When he was landing, a sudden gust of wind forced the plane farther than he intended and in order to avoid a smash, he tried to rise again, but the wheels caught in the wires. The wings were smashed and the body broken in two parts.

THE MUI TSAI CASE.

CASE AGAIN ADJOURNED AT KOWLOON COURT.

The *mui tsai* case in which a Chinese woman is charged with assaulting two girls, was resumed at the Kowloon Magistrate before Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning.

Further medical evidence was given and the case adjourned until June 24 at 2.30 p.m. The accused woman is alleged to have cruelly assaulted the girls, and to have severely scalded one of them by throwing boiling water over her.

BASEBALL RESULTS.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Boston 1 New York 4
Brooklyn 3 Cincinnati 3
Philadelphia 1 Chicago 3
DETROIT 5 Cleveland 16
St. Louis 8 Chicago 7
— Reuter's American Service.

Cairo, June 20.—The trial of the two students charged with the murder of Mr. Ryan has ended. One was acquitted and the other sentenced to 15 years' hard labour. This is the first trial for political murder since the abolition of martial law.—Reuter.

Initially putting out that it was considered impossible to continue the search and it was accordingly abandoned. However, the Chinese police and French guards were communicated with and they are still continuing the search.

Ladies' Courage. The behaviour of the ladies is said to have been splendid. There were a number of lady guests at the dinner but there was no panic of any kind. Everyone is said to have been calm and cool and anxious to do all they could for the injured.

M. Henri Gerin was a senior partner in the firm of Gerin-Drevard, had been living in Canton and Hongkong for over twenty years, and was 50 years of age. He was married, but his wife was absent at the time on a holiday.

M. Rougau was in the employ of the Banque de l'Indo Chine and had been in Canton for about ten years.

M. Demarets was manager of the General Silk Importing Company of New York which from Canton does an extensive trade with America.

Nothing is known of M. Pelletier other than that he was a prominent French resident.

M. Merlin's Return.

M. Merlin arrived in Hongkong from Canton at five o'clock yesterday by the French gunboat "Malicieuse" and it is his intention to leave for Indo-China to-morrow.

His Excellency was brought ashore by Captain Neville in the launch "Victoria" and a Guard of Honour was drawn up alongside the Naval Yard where he landed.

Before he motored to Government House he conversed for a few minutes with his wife and a number of French residents who reached this spot found that he had turned toward the creek and on arriving on the banks they were told that he had jumped into the water. Some of the junks in the neighbourhood were searched but there were such a number of them about and some were upon to return to Hongkong.

PIRACY EPIDEMIC.

GUNBOAT ATTACKS MERCHANTMEN.

AMAZING AFFAIR.

SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS AGAINST "KONG TAI."

Serious allegations have been made against the Chinese gunboat "Kong Tai" which is stated to belong to the Coastal Defence Commissioner's squadron. It is accused of having perpetrated several acts of piracy yesterday in Chinese waters. The crew of the gunboat are alleged to have, under the pretence of searching for arms on merchant craft, "commandeered" the arsenals of several vessels and robbed the passengers in addition to forcibly taking away a number of men.

There was considerable alarm in Hongkong Chinese business circles yesterday afternoon when the two passengers and cargo tow-ferry did not arrive from Shekki. By

the Chinese these boats are considered almost impregnable to outside attack and there were misgivings as to what might have happened.

When the two boats, owned by rival companies, reached Hongkong yesterday they told a story of how they had been hauled, in turn, by the "Kong Tai," near Tai Nam Shu Mei. The gunboat flew a flag which indicated that it had orders to stop all craft and search for arms. After the leading ferry had swung to and the gunboat's crew had climbed over, the ferry's licence for arms is said to have been thrown overboard. Without further ado a rush was made for the citadel where the arms were all taken over by the gunboat crew. The ferry was ransacked and two men in charge were taken back to the gunboat. As the ferry was no match for the gunboat no resistance could be put up and the second boat met with similar treatment in turn.

It is interesting to note that the Hongkong-Shekki ferries are well provided for as regards anti-piracy measures. Each of the two companies has two boats. The boats are towed by powerful launches but one of the companies has a spare launch portalling in the danger zone.

Fish, vegetables and other products are brought to Hongkong by these ferries which bring up, in return, mostly rice. Each boat has room for about three hundred passengers who are all placed under grills and hatches.

Another ferry which was met by the "Kong Tai" and is alleged to have been similarly molested was one trading from Kau Kong, not far from Kowloon.

Then again a steam-launch believed to be the "Moonshine," was another victim. She was towing a junk when stopped and her armoury was taken over by about forty men who crossed over from the "Kong Tai." Four passengers were taken away and money and property was stolen.

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QUACK MEDICINE.

CHINESE CHILD DIES AFTER POTION.

The body of a little Chinese girl, aged six months who died after drinking quack medicine, was removed to the Victoria Mortuary yesterday.

In the Police report, it is stated that the child who lived at 41 Hau Wo Street, Kennedy Town, was given some potion prescribed by a Chinese quack doctor. Fifteen minutes later, the little girl began to vomit violently and expired.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Ottawa, June 20.—A general strike has been proclaimed by postal employees, who protest at the new wages rates fixed by the Civil Service Commission. Up to the present it has badly disorganized the mail service to Ontario and Quebec. The Government has instructed postmen to replace the strikers.—Reuter.

PORTUGUESE AVIATORS.

FORCED TO LAND AT SHUMCHUN.

COME IN BY TRAIN.

The Portuguese aviators from Lisbon to Macao surprised their compatriots at the Club de Recreio in Kowloon last night by walking into the club rooms unheralded and unaccompanied by a police officer. They were compelled to make a landing at Shum Chun at 2.30 p.m. yesterday owing to terrific winds. The aviators left Hanoi at 9 a.m. and intended to complete the flight to Macao, but the elements were too powerful for them and after striking for Canton, they were forced to descend in a Chinese cemetery at Shum Chun just over the border.

At Shum Chun where they left the machine unguarded, the flying men took the train to Kowloon. Mr. G. A. Walker of the Railway head of the aviator's approach from his staff at Shum Chun and he immediately notified the Water Police, the Portuguese Consul General, at the moment being inaccessible. Consequently, Inspector Angus was waiting for the airmen. He took them to the Club de Recreio where the aviators walked in upon the members and it soon as their identity had been revealed received a rousing reception.

They were wet and dirty but this made no difference; they had had no food since they left Hanoi.

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22. - I.C.S.N. Formosa.

24. - C. N. Haifeng.

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22. - I.O.S.N. Haining.

22. - I.O.S.N. Kiangsu.

FOOCHOW.

JUNE 24. - D. L. Haifeng.

24. - D. L. Haining.

24. - D. L. Kiangsu.

24. - D. L. Foochow.

SHANGHAI.

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22. - I.C.J.L. Tjilak.

24. - C. N. Wah.

24. - I.C.S.N. Waishing.

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24. - I.P. & O. Shinyo Maru.

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"SOUTHERN"	6,000	21st July	Marsella, London & Antwerp
"KATHALA"	9,008	12th July	Marsella, London & Antwerp
"MAGNA"	10,661	26th July	Marsella, London & Antwerp
"MAGNA"	5,318	26th July	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"DEVANHA"	8,002	9th Aug.	Marsella, London & Antwerp
"SICILIA"	6,813	22nd Aug.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"MANTUA"	10,910	23rd Aug.	Marsella, London & Antwerp
"NAGGVA"	8,054	30th Aug.	Marsella, London & Antwerp
"SARDINIA"	6,684	4th Sept.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"KALYAN"	9,118	6th Sept.	Marsella, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN-I-BIND"	11,420	20th Sept.	Marsella, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	8,983	4th Oct.	Marsella, London & Antwerp
"MOREA"	10,911	11th Oct.	Marsella, London & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	8,840	1st Nov.	Marsella, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	11th Nov.	Marsella, London & Antwerp
"KARMALA"	9,098	29th Nov.	Marsella, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,900	13th Dec.	Marsella, London & Antwerp

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"TAIMA"	10,000	26th June	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
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"TANDA"	6,658	24th July	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TAKADA"	6,640	26th Aug.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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S. No.	Tons	From Hongkong (Aboard)	Destination
"ARAFURA"	8,000	2nd July	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday
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"TANDA"	6,956	5th July	Moji and Kobo
"DEVANHA"	8,002	11th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobo
"TAKADA"	6,949	21st July	Moji and Kobo
"MANTUA"	10,002	26th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobo
"SICILIA"	8,813	26th July	Shanghai
"NAGGOYA"	4,054	1st Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobo
"EASTERN"	4,000	2nd Aug.	Moji & Kobo
"SARDINIA"	6,684	8th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobo
"KALYAN"	9,118	8th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobo
"KALYAN-I-BIND"	11,420	22nd Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobo
"KASHMIR"	8,983	1st Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobo
"ARAFURA"	8,000	1st Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobo
"MORFA"	10,911	10th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobo
"KASHGAR"	8,840	3rd Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobo
"ST. ALBANS"	4,000	4th Oct.	Moji & Kobo
"MALWA"	10,941	14th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobo
"KARMALA"	9,098	1st Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobo
"EASTERN"	4,000	1st Nov.	Moji & Kobo
"MATUA"	10,900	15th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobo
"KHIVAN"	8,007	29th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobo
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The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting the Chairman said:—

Gentlemen.—The Special Resolutions which the Secretary has just read, if passed and subsequently confirmed, will have the effect of increasing the authorised capital of the Company from \$900,000 to \$1,500,000. Before proposing their adoption however, I would like to make a few remarks.

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on the March 17 last, the Chairman, in his speech referred to the proposed increase of capital, and the reasons were stated why your Directors considered it desirable. This speech was duly circulated to all shareholders therefore it would appear unnecessary for me now to cover this ground again. You will notice, however, that it is proposed to increase the Company's authorised capital by \$600,000, instead of \$300,000, as suggested at the last annual meeting; but, subject to these Special Resolutions being passed and confirmed, it has been decided to issue only \$300,000. for the present. If at any future time, additional capital should be required up to a further \$300,000, it will not be necessary to call further extraordinary general meetings of shareholders to sanction its issue.

The Notice fully and clearly sets forth the manner in which the proposed new capital will be issued, that I do not think any further explanations from me are necessary.

I now beg to propose as Special Resolutions the five resolutions which you have heard the Secretary read out, and which, unless any shareholder objects, I do not propose to read again. I shall be obliged if some shareholder will kindly second these. (Seconded by Mr. J. M. Alves.)

I shall now be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions shareholders may wish to ask. If no questions are asked or explanation sought, I shall assume that you are all now fully informed as to the details of the scheme for increasing the capital of this Company as set out in the notice. It has been proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. Alves that the five resolutions which you have just heard read be passed as Special Resolutions. Will those in favour please signify in the usual way. (Passed unanimously.)

Gentlemen, that concludes the business for which this meeting was convened, and I thank you for your attendance. As you are aware, the notice convening this meeting also convenes a Second Extraordinary General Meeting for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at this meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as Special Resolutions, the five resolutions which have just been passed; which second meeting will be indicated in the notice to be held here on Monday July 7 next at 11.30 in the morning, and I shall be glad if you will kindly attend same.

PEKING AND CANTON.

PEKING, June 20.
Consular telegrams from Swatow report important moves on the part of troops hostile to Dr. Sun Yat-sen and who are apparently working out a northern plan.

Peking recently appointed Generals Yeh Chu and Lin Hu Civil Governor and Tuli of Kwangtung respectively.

According to reports reaching Swatow, Hu Pei Fu has ordered Trng Shih Sheng to leave Hunan and Fang, Pen Jen to move out of Southern Kiangsi in order to support Chen Chiung Ming. It thus appears that the threat against Canton has begun to materialise.

CHURCH NOTICES.

A CHARGE OF ONE DOLLAR
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ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

1st Sunday after Trinity 22nd June, 1924.

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The twin-screw steamer "Tairea" built for the British India Steam Navigation Co., Limited, by Messrs Barclay, Curle & Co., Limited, at their Clydebank Shipyard, Whiteinch, carried out successful trials on May 5, when a mean speed of 17½ knots was attained. The vessel is 465 ft. long by 60 ft. broad by 41 ft. deep to shelter deck, with poop, bridge, forecastle, and boat decks. Accommodation is provided for sixty-two first-class passengers, seventy-two second-class passengers, and about 2,800 deck passengers, the latter in the tween decks, which are ventilated on the Thermo tank system. Large public rooms are provided for the first and second class passengers, and the staterooms are unusually large and well equipped. The cargo handling arrangements are very complete, and larger refrigerated chambers are provided. The vessel has been constructed in accordance with the latest bulkhead sub-division rules, and all life-saving appliances are of the most up-to-date description. Two masts and three funnels are fitted, and the vessel presented an unusually graceful appearance.

The propelling machinery consists of twin-screw four-crank triple expansion balanced engines and seven single-ended forced draught boilers, fitted to burn oil fuel, and was constructed by the builders. The vessel is fitted with the Kelvin standard and vertical card compasses and the Kelvin Mark IV. sounding machines, manufactured by Messrs Kelvin, Bottomley, and Baird, Ltd. The owners were represented by Viscount Inskip, the chairman of the British India Company; the Hon. Kenneth MacKay, Mr. Islay Kerr, Captain Hodgkinson, Mr. Leslie, and Mr. Brown; and the builders by Mr. Noel E. Peck, Mr. Archibald Gilchrist, and Mr. Win. Ewing.

One of the many features of the vessel is the boat launching gear, which is the first vessel to be fitted with the MacLachlan Boat-Lowering apparatus, as supplied by the MacLachlan Automatic Boat-Davit Co., Ltd., 247, West George-street, Glasgow. The apparatus embodies many novel features and has obviously been designed to combine with a minimum number of operations and operators a simple and positive emergency boat-lowering gear. This has been attained by the clever use of gravity to replace the usual mechanical or manual power, and simple wire rope "falls" to replace block and tackle. Gravity supplying the force, one man only is required to control the complete operation of lowering the largest possible lifeboat or "nested" boats, as the case may be. The officers are with this apparatus no longer dependent on the ship's crew in an emergency, as they alone can lower, irrespective of list, all the boats on both sides of a ship. By the MacLachlan apparatus lifeboats can be launched from the stowed position on the boat deck, irrespective of list, by the one operation—"lowering"—thereby making the stowed position of this apparatus equivalent to the outboard position of any other apparatus, and the whole operation is carried out and controlled by one man. The "falls" being of single wire rope, are led to and stowed on a simple hand winch, designed to operate them simultaneously by the force of gravity. The davits are mounted on rollers, which move over parallel tracks, arranged at right angles to the ship's side and carried down same to the embarkation deck, thereby forming ship's side deck supports. The tracks extending inboard, over the deck, are given a declivity of 30 to 35 degrees, whereby in launching the davits and boat move together under the "force of gravity" until the davits reach the stoppers. The boat will then continue to the water alone, the davits remaining at rest on the stoppers. In handling "nested" boats the operation is exactly the same as in the case of single boats. Both are transported over the side together, but with this apparatus the larger of the two is lowered to the water first. The apparatus is absolutely independent of mechanical or manual power for its operation. Besides the above merits as a life-saving appliance, this apparatus has many other features. The boats are stowed from six to seven feet above deck as required, giving clear head space under. This allows of a clear ship's side rail. This feature will be appreciated as compared with present system of superimposed boats. Also as the davits are all within the length of

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Messrs. Hampton and Sons, St. James's-square, S.W., were the auctioneers, and the sale included 34,000 ounces of antique and modern silver, some fine examples of Worcester china of the Dr. Wall period, with some specimens of Chelsea, Chamberlain-Worcester, Sevres, and Chinese ware, and a library of 20,000 volumes of English, Italian, and French works.

Most of the volumes are in original vellum, morocco, and calf bindings of the fifteenth to eighteenth centuries, and all of them bear the coat of arms of the original collector. Many of them are first and rare editions.

Much of the silver plate has been transferred from Carlton-gardens, London, the earl's town house, for the sale.

It is understood that Viscount Ednam intends to live at Himley Hall in the future.

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A PERFECT FILM.

"Shadows" at Coronet Thursday.

To see one of the greatest American stories ever translated to the screen, travelling under the most alluring of titles, one has but to view "Shadows," which will be shown here for the first time at the Coronet Theatre, Thursday next.

When Wilbur Daniel Steele created Yen Sip, the Chinese laundryman who was cast up by the sea, he made a decidedly new and gratifying contribution to literature. But when Lon Chaney visualized the part in this newest Preferred Picture, he did something far more important, for he added a picturesque, living, breathing and altogether lovable character to his already long list of screen personalities.

To say that any one screen production possesses everything the blasé theatre-goer might seek in a photoplay, "sounds" almost too extravagant to be true. But it comes remarkably near to being the fact in this highly entertaining camera story.

The picture was produced by B. P. Schulberg. Tom Forman, for some time Tom Meighan's director, was in active charge of production. An unusual cast including Marguerite De La Motte, Harrison Ford, Walter Long, John Sainpolis, Priscilla Bonner and Buddy Messinger was selected to support Chaney.

CINEMA CHATTER.

"THE TOLL GATE."

William Hart Bandit Chieftain.

William S. Hart, who appears in "The Toll Gate," showing at the Star Theatre for the last time today, is said to have the most powerful dramatic role of his career as Black Dearing, the bandit chieftain in the story which was written by Lauchert, Hillyer and himself. Lambert Hillyer is the director. It is a Paramount Artcraft release.

This is a typical tale of the west or southwest in the days before the fence came: the days of bold bandits, bands of rascious traih-bolting, of masked desperados, wild riders and Indians. It portrays with startling fidelity the characteristics of a picturesque page in the history of the border.

Black Dearing, leader of the bandits, decides to disband and quit.

A rival, refuses and leads the band into a trap, selling them out for "thirty pieces of silver."

All are killed or captured. Dearing escapes. He sets out to revenge himself. He meets the woman who has been deserted by the traitor and his better manhood keeps him from wreaking his revenge upon her in lieu of the real culprit. The latter meets his just deserts and Dearing goes South and out of the hands of the law into, it is hoped, a better life, his eyes opened at last to the realization that there are good men and women in the world after all.

Anna Q. Nilsson and a fine cast of players are seen in the supporting roles. Mr. Hart's famous Pinto pony is also present. The August A. S. C. made the photographic rendition.

HARRISON FORD.

Again With Constance Talmadge.

One of the screen's most promising young men appears in "The Primitive Lover," the First National attraction starring Constance Talmadge. He is Harrison Ford, whose rapid rise in screen fame during the past year has been a tribute to his sterling ability and unusual facility for adapting himself to diversified camera requirements.

Since the time he commenced playing leading roles opposite Ethel Clayton and Wanda Hawley he has met with steady success. His sterling work brought him to the attention of Norma Talmadge and he played opposite this star in her latest pictures, notably "The Passion Flower," "The Wonderful Thing," "Love's Redemption" and "Smilin' Through."

"The Primitive Lover," which is marked by the first appearance of Ford opposite Constance Talmadge is also notable for the inclusion of Kenneth Harlan in the cast.

"The Primitive Lover" is a humorous satire on the romance-stricken girl who imagines herself the heroine of every trashy best seller that comes from the book dealer. It was adapted by Frances Marion from an original story by Edgar Selwyn and was directed by Sydney Franklin, who also directed "Smilin' Through."

Something had to be done so Director Forman suggested that Ford start his day's work at the studio of Preferred at 7 o'clock.

The young actor promptly agreed to the arrangement and for two solid weeks until his engagement in "The Old Homestead" was finished he worked day and night before the camera only catching a wink of sleep in between times.

"And then some people say that a movie actor has it soft," he groaned.

MASTER DRAMA.

"THE GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST."

To-morrow's Coronet Feature.

The works of David Belasco can be successfully transferred to the silver screen. This was evidenced by the showing of Edwin Carewe's production of "The Girl of the Golden West," a First National attraction which comes to the Coronet Theatre to-morrow.

Not only has Director Carewe transferred the Belasco story to the screen, but he has improved upon the stage masterpiece to such an extent that the cinema version ranks as a perfect picture.

J. Warren Kerrigan is a typical Ramerez, a gay and romantic bandit-caballero of California in the pioneering period of '49. Sylvia Bremer, in the title role, has the greatest part of her film career. It is no wonder that Belasco declared he would pick Miss Bremer for "The Girl if he were to stage a revival of the play. Physically, Thely is Nina, the Mexican vamp, and she plays her part like only Rosemary Theby can play it—a triumph for her.

An outstanding characterization is that of Sheriff Jack Bance, essayed by Russell Simpson, veteran character actor.

The darkest hour of right when SHADOWS are deepest, is just before dawn.

From the details it is evident that Director Carewe spared neither time nor expense in making "The Girl of the Golden West" a thoroughly great picture. The California of '49 is re-lived; the rustic Rolla Saloon, with its cosmopolitan crowd, the covered wagon, the miner panning for gold, the medicine man with his high silk hat, all pass before your eyes in this picturization of Belasco's story. Added to the glory of this production is the beautiful scenic background, which seems to revive all the romance-of-by-gone days.

The story is that of a bandit upon whose head is a reward of five thousand dollars. He is about to rob the Polka-Salon when he discovers that the owner is a girl whom he met a few days before on the road and carried across the stream. Then begins a race for the love of the girl, between the sheriff and the bandit, and it is only after a series of more thrilling incidents, in which the bandit is exposed, wounded and nearly hanged by the posse, that the story is brought to a climax.

"The Girl of the Golden West" is a picture well worth seeing. The star has done nothing better in her entire screen career, and

"THE IRON TRAIL."

Notable Star Theatre Picture.

In the wilds of Alaska, where untold wealth awaited upon the advance of civilization, Murray O'Neill, affectionately called "The Irish Prince," and Curtis Gordon, an unscrupulous promoter, meet and fight for the right to run a railroad into the heart of the precious gold country.

Physically, O'Neill and Gordon were well-matched; both were big men with dominating personalities and each attracted a following that stood ready at all times to fight in protest of their loyalty to their leader. And fight they did, with fists and stones and clubs and guns when at last they met on a little patch of ground, nine feet square, that each faction wanted and needed for its railroad right-of-way.

Gordon's crowd got there first, and by trickery tried to hold the line against the advance of O'Neill's men, but in the battle that ensued, Gordon's men were routed and the O'Neill railroad went triumphantly through.

In the midst of this continuous battle of brawn and brain, explosives and steel, two beautiful girls played prominent parts, sharing the perils and the hardships and bravely standing by the men in their struggles against the rigid barriers of the frozen northland and the dangerous men in the opposing camp. There was a battle of love brought to a happy conclusion when their heroes triumphed in their long, hard struggle.

CONSTANCE TALMADGE.

Success in "Primitive Lover."

The theme of "The Primitive Lover," which shows at the Coronet Theatre for the last time this evening, is a ready-made foundation for any comedy. The rival suitors, one built along Beau Brummel lines and the other reminiscent of original fugs in his foxy tactics. The caveman kidnaps the object of his amours only to find that, in the fastness of the mountains, he is utterly incapable of caring for her comfort. Not so far away the brewing coffee of his more practical rival drifts lazily into his cabin with agonizing persistency.

It is the sparkling personality of Miss Talmadge that makes such a role as that of the romance-seeking wife distinctive among the many screen attempts to perpetrate such a character in a manner that is both interesting and amusing. The star has done nothing better in her entire screen career, and

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Famous Producer's Opinions.

Taking the silence out of the silent drama has become one of the most interesting features of motion picture entertainment.

The story is an original by Edgar Selwyn which was adapted to the screen by Francis Marion.

Harrison Ford and Kenneth Harlan are the two leading men and the remainder of an unusually competent cast includes Joe Roberts, Charles Pino, Chief Big Tree, Matilda Brundage, George Pierce and Clyde Benson.

According to William de Mille, producer of Paramount pictures and himself an amateur musician, "Music settings to films have progressed just as fast as motion-picture production and, I might say, a great part of the success of the finer photoplays has been due to the musicianship with which colourful settings have been prepared at the picture theatres."

"To most persons who attend a motion picture entertainment, the music is merely an accompaniment," Mr. de Mille pointed out. "But, while music enhances the emotional forces of a dramatic scene and adds to the zest of a comedy moment, there is also a psychological reason of another kind—the silence must be removed."

"There is sound everywhere about us. Whether we are conscious of it or not, it is everywhere. We would realize it with tremendous force if the world suddenly became silent. With movement on the screen we expect sound—and it is the intelligent preparation of music settings that this sub-conscious demand for sound is satisfied. In the better motion-picture theatrical compositions from the classics are used, thus serving a double purpose—removing the silence and, at the same time, creating a taste for good music."

Mr. de Mille's latest film, "The Bedroom Window," an original comedy-drama by Clare Beranger, is in production at the Lasky Studio. May McAvoy and Malcolm McGregor play the leading roles.

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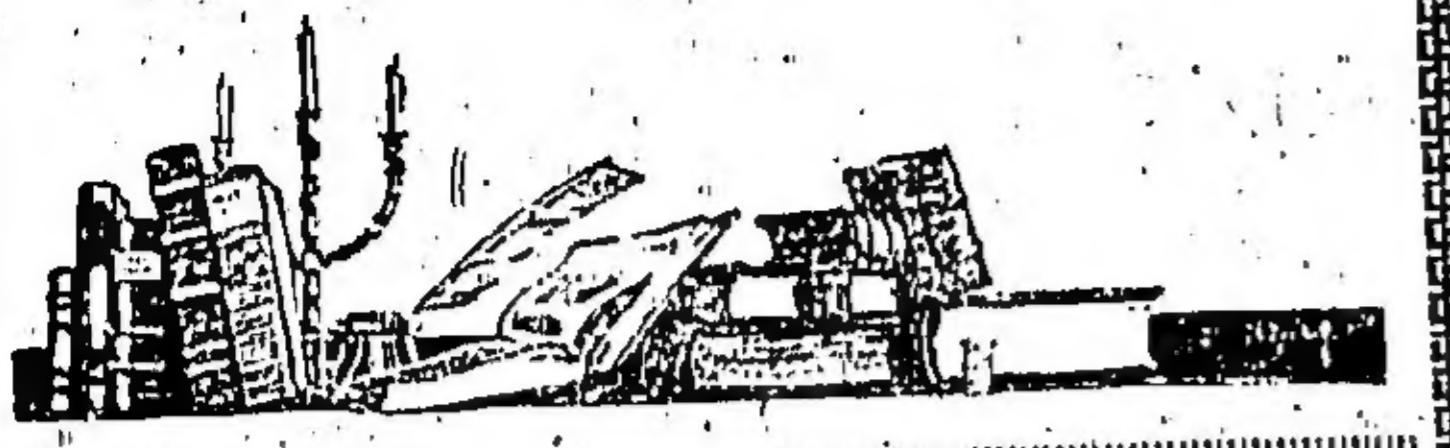
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BOOKS

THOMAS HARDY.

Poet And Novelist.

If the great figure of Thomas Hardy dominates our contemporary scene in his double office as novelist and poet we are bound to admit that in his case there can be no question whether he is to be described as an Ancient or a Modern, writes W. L. Courtney in the London *Daily Telegraph*. He is both old and young—indeed, he is the most Modern of Moderns. His first verse was written when Palmerston was the Queen's Prime Minister, somewhere about 1865; and his first novel was put before the critics in 1871, some years before Disraeli brought out his last novel. Technically, therefore, he belongs to the Grand Old Men of yesterday; he is a Victorian in a literal acceptance of the term. And yet Victorian as a descriptive epithet seems in no sense to be applicable to him; he is a Georgian poet—a seer, a prophet, a philosopher with a good many messages for our young men. Time means nothing for him; he is the same yesterday and to-day and to-morrow. Even that bright and reckless critic who has just produced a new volume of essays under the title "A Gallery," refrains from his airy flippancy; and for once we are privileged to see Mr. Philip Guedalla lowering his brilliant rapier-play before an acknowledged reputation. As a rule, nothing seems so naturally to invite criticism from Mr. Philip Guedalla as the established gods of our idolatry. Listen to him, however, on the *Dynasts*. "Written in French it would have been crowned by the Aca-

demy... and played annually by two divisions of the Camp at Châlons. In Germany they would have built some vast building for Reinhardt to produce it in. In Russia it would have made an English reputation." Again he acclaims the great tragedy as "the last and greatest achievement of a master of two mediums."

Here, at all events, is a figure of which our sometimes flippant critic acknowledges the importance. Thomas Hardy cannot be dismissed with a snirk or a shrug of the shoulders, amongst other reasons because he is not only a poet or a novelist; but also a thinker who has thought out for himself a definite theory of the world. Mr. Ernest Brenecke attempts with no little success to give us a reasoned account of Hardy's philosophy in his book, "Thomas Hardy's Universe" (T. Fisher Unwin), which ought to be very useful to those who, looking upon the poet as an enigma, are anxious to attain to some solution. Mr. Brenecke for the most part sustains his thesis by reference to the text of the poems and the stories. But he has one notable contribution to make to the subject. He traces in detail Hardy's obligations to the notorious pessimist, Schopenhauer, who obviously inspired some of the dogmas and suggested some of the conclusions. Temperamentally there is a certain likeness between the two thinkers, for both are more attracted by the sorrows and failures of humanity than they are by the occasional gleams of happiness and success, and both start from the same standpoint of a "Will," which is the animating force in human history, the driving energy which makes the world go round. There is no question, of

course, of imitation; each pursues his appointed path in his own way. But Hardy was obviously attracted towards Schopenhauer, especially in his notion of the inferiority of the Intellect to Will; as indeed he might easily have been under other circumstances to Bergson and his Evolution Creatrice. In taking broad views of Cosmic history he has satisfied himself that there are no traces of a Divine Government, directing human affairs; on the contrary, Chance, which is only another name for Fate, rules with unequivocal authority. Naturally, therefore, in the absence of any Providence human beings become puppets, worked this way and that according to the caprices of the "Immanent Will." This sovereign Will, in turn, must be described not as He but as It.

This fatalistic view is steadily growing through all Hardy's novels as it finds its full development in "The Dynasts." The novels themselves have marked characteristics. There is the love of natural phenomena in all their aspects—the storm, the heat, the village; a tenderness for the humble workers on the land and the yeoman farmers; a distaste for the gentlefolks whom the novelist does not like and therefore cannot draw; a certain view of women portrayed with great subtlety and insight, which makes them almost a divine element in human affairs; and a curious reliance on coincidence in working out the plots. But the striking thing is the atmosphere, an atmosphere of gloom, a little difficult sometimes to breathe; a background of sombre and painful unhappiness, a mis-en-scène of frustration and helplessness. Marriages are unhappy and it is equally unhappy to remain single; lovers do not always meet at the close of their long journey of misunderstanding; the rebel against convention is as much a failure as the man who accepts convention and—worst of all—sometimes there is heard the echo of ironical laughter in Herven-Jude. There is no more successful when he has accepted the obligations of matrimony than when he broke loose from them. Tess is throughout the sport of unkind fate, and the President of the Immortals only ceases his spiteful game when she dies on the scaffold. Bathsheba only escapes because of the moral strength and sanity of Gabriel Oak. It is all one long indictment of the stupid cruelty of

the Immanent Will which works blindly without consciousness of any definite end. One cannot avoid the conclusion that in the author's scheme we are all rats in a trap, doomed to break ourselves against the wires, victims of a power which has predestined us from all eternity.

"Jude, the Obscure" received some harsh criticisms on the ground that it was a most sordid story; and it was then that Thomas Hardy turned resolutely to poetry, which had all along been his hobby and now was to become his chief contribution to literature. His volumes of verse, "Life's Little Ironies," and the rest, touch some of the deepest problems of our existence, but "The Dynasts" is a supreme achievement only possible to a great creative artist, who "looks before and after" and constructs what might be called an epic or a tragedy on so fruitful a subject as the Napoleonic War. It is full of dramatic scenes and situations, portrayed with the vivid and life-giving touch of a masterful hand. Thus we have the death of Nelson on board the "Victory," the fatal Russian campaign and the ruin of Napoleon's hopes; the field of Waterloo with all the wild confusion and desperate charges, together with an idyll here and there of lowly lives in the midst of world movements of transcendent importance. The more the pity that so majestic an edifice should be reared on a foundation of Nescience and Pessimism. For what Mr. Hardy tells us is that these gallant episodes will reveal such fine examples of human bravery and self-sacrificing patriotism as nothing but the movements of dolls or puppets worked by a blind will, which is impersonal and unconscious and drives towards an unknown goal. Nevertheless he does not leave us entirely out of hope. It is just possible—that we learn in a tragic song at the end of the drama—that the Will may some day grow to be conscious. If the Will were only aware of what it is doing, it might act from desire and even become friendly. This is the aspiration of the Spirit of the Pities:

Something within me aches to pray
To some great heart to take away
This evil day, this evil day.

MARGARET MACDONALD.

Margaret Ethel MacDonald, a biography, by J. Ramsay MacDonald.

THE AUTHOR AND QUEEN VICTORIA.

What happened when Sir Harry Johnstone was knighted by Queen Victoria?

J. Ramsay MacDonald, though he is of the same nationality, is not one of the numerous company of John Shand who never learn, according to Barrie, that secret which every woman knows. Now that he has achieved his high place in the councils of the British Empire, he has written a book about his wife, Margaret Ethel MacDonald, who passed away 13 years ago, before she was able to see the success of her own work or the later political triumphs of her husband. Mr. MacDonald writes, quite naturally, in tribute, but always with restraint, giving emphasis to her importance as a public figure, and avoiding a detailed account of her personal life. Yet, by a sort of paradox, he succeeds in giving, above all things, an account of her essential self and the thoughts and feelings which were peculiarly her own.

Mr. MacDonald begins his biography methodically with a description of his wife's ancestry. Brought up in an atmosphere that combined orthodox piety with intellectual eagerness, she soon became dissatisfied with mere passive acceptance of dogma, and began to read for herself. Her reading soon led her into the practical fields of politics and sociology.

In her early twenties, she championed Gladstone's liberal policies; later she became a Laborite and a Socialist, and plunged deeply into the work of social reform. She was active in the work of the National Union of Women Workers and the Women's Industrial Council, as well as in suffragette movements, although she was not in sympathy with militant suffragism.

Finally, Mr. MacDonald gives a chapter of his book to his wife's home life and her love for children, the open country, and foreign travel. This is the side of her which her husband intentionally places in the background, but he assures us emphatically that these simpler, more universal traits were as much a part of her as her

A HUMAN BOY'S DIARY.

This book, by Eden Phillpotts, consists of Toddy Medland's diary during three terms at a private school. The boys live before one's eyes and the masters, too, while Medland seems utterly unconscious of his uncanny craftsmanship. Wilbrough, the would-be Indian reformer, Leacock, the financier, Burgess, the primate monk, are real jewels of character study. Briggs, the poet, is a masterpiece. And here is the inner meaning of a private school summed up, once and for ever, by a boy named Norris: "You get deeper and deeper into difficulties as the term goes on and you have thousands of lines to write, and the huts of the masters, and various private rows, with other fellows, and a dark future on every side. Then the holidays break in, and you get away from the misery and beastly complications, and know that next term you will start again refreshed and hopeful."

As a matter of fact this same Norris had acquired the Scripture prize in the Upper Third. But to Medland he confided that this success was due to luck rather than to knowledge: "He had found a worn-out prayer-book in his desk, left by the last chap who had that desk, and when he had given up his own prayer-book before the exam, he had kept the other—with splendid results to him." Here, again, is a little sketch with the bite of life: "Mr. Mannerling is our form master now, who got a Blue at Oxford long ago and still takes great pleasure in games. He is said not to know much, but knows quite enough for the Lower Fourth. He is very popular, and likes things to go smoothly; and, of course, so do we." Another delightful comment on human nature is the fragment devoted to Fletcher Minor, who was seized with a pain in his chest: "The Matron put him to bed with a hot-water bottle and a linseed poultice; and in the dead of night he drank the hot water in the bottle and ate nearly all the linseed poultice. I believe he would have done just the same if it had been made of mustard. Strange to say, he is perfectly well again this morning, and tells me that like-warm linseed poultice is very decent eating." (Heinemann £s.)

public character. Despite her children and her reforms, she found time to make her home a centre of a "great companionship of men and women doing the work of the world."

This book is, like Cornelie Parker's book about her husband, an account of a fine life and a great work, remembered tenderly but without mawkish costumery of sentiment. It will be welcomed in England, as an appropriate monument to a greatly loved figure. In America, where her work is not so generally known, the story of Mrs. MacDonald will be opened because it bears her husband's name, and will be closed with a sense of life enriched by the presence, even briefly, of such women in national affairs.

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MARIE PREVOST.

REVEALS HER MARRIAGE DON'TS.

No Wedding Bells.

From the lips of irresistible Marie Prevost, who plays the part of Marjorie Jones in the Warner Brothers' classic of the screen, "Brass," the novel of marriage and divorce written by Charles G. Norris, which is shown at the World Theatre, for the last time there trifle a number of marriage don'ts which, if she ever decides to marry, must be fulfilled by her future hubby. Here is what she says:

I won't marry a man I don't know well.

I won't marry a man I expect to reform.

I won't marry a man who doesn't respect womanhood.

I won't marry a man who is unpopular with children and other men.

I won't marry a man who hasn't a sense of humour.

I won't marry a man who has been wild.

I won't marry a man who isn't about my age and who hasn't my same interests at heart.

I won't marry a man unless I love him deeply.

I feel certain that if these suggestions are followed by other young girls, Marie says, "the chances for marriage failure will be diminished. Divorces are due to men and women just trotting off to the licence clerk and getting married, without giving the matter the serious consideration which such step deserves."

The story of "Brass" deals with the love of Marjorie and Philip Baldwin, their wrecked home life and their successive but-not-successful love affairs. Among the other members of the cast are

Monte Blue, Harry Myers, Irene Rich, Frank Keenan, Helen Ferguson, Margaret Seddon, Miss Du Pont and Edward Jobson. The production was made by Harry Rapf, and it was directed by Sidney Franklin.

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"THE DANCING CHEAT."

"The Dancing Cheat," most recent Universal attraction, coming on Sunday to the World Theatre, co-starring Herbert Rawlinson and Alice Lake, is one of the very few screen stories fixed in Tia Juana that does not

have racing as its motif. It is true, Irving Cummings, the director, included a brief race track scene in the play, but it was only incidental. Rawlinson is cast as Brownlow Clay, proprietor of a gambling place whose fall in the woman he loves, Alice Lake's part, suffers a tragic blow.

MEMORIAL SERVICE. COMMERCE AND FINANCE.
LATE DR. WU TING-FANG. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT.

On June 23, 1922, six days after General Lin Ku's coup against Dr. Sun Yat-sen in Canton, Dr. Wu Ting-fang, China's veteran statesman and diplomat, passed away at the King Yee Hospital. A Memorial Society was formed in Canton recently.

The Kwangtung Rehabilitation Committee will hold memorial services in honour of the late Dr. Wu on Monday next, states the Canton Gazette.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Details of forthcoming Land Sales at the P.W.D. office on June 30 and July 7, when lots near Stanley, at Hamrun, near Broadwood Road and at Mongkok, respectively, will be put up for sale, are given in the latest issue of the *Gazette*.

Tenders are invited by the P.W.D. for the occupation of some Crown Land at Chatham Road; for work in connection with the Shing Mun Valley scheme, Victoria Road improvements and widening eleven bridges in the New Territories. Particulars will be found in the *Gazette*.

When the s.s. "Flores" was pirated recently, the ship was brought up the Fu Tin Mun River. All the pigs on board, it is now learned, were sold the same morning at \$20 a head and the other cargo passed down by one in the afternoon. By the shipper's statement at Shui Tung the "Flores" had about \$40,000 worth of cargo on board when she was pirated.

The current issue of the *Gazette* states that the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the ordinances providing for the carrying on of the work formerly carried on by certain German societies and persons in the Colony; authorising the publication of an edition of the Ordinances of the Colony, to be known as "The Ordinances of Hongkong, 1844-1923"; and amending further the Rents Ordinance, 1922.

Bukarest, June 20.—Replies to interpellation as to the Government's policy toward Russia, Premier Bratiano and Foreign Minister Dica declared that Rumania was anxious to resume normal relations with the Soviet, but emphasised that recognition depended upon Russia acknowledging Rumania's rights over Bessarabia. A motion of non-confidence in the Government was defeated by a vote of 136 to 35.—Reuters.

To commemorate Salonika Day, a reunion dinner was held at the Hongkong Hotel last night. Though there were only nine guests to celebrate, the Company did not lack enthusiasm. Those present were Commodore Grace, R.N., Colonel Montague Bates, C.B., D.S.O., Commanding the 1st East Surrey Regt., Major R. S. Paton, Capt. Meredith, Capt. Bensley, Capt. Lugard, Lieut. Fredericks, Mr. Hudson and Mr. Brown. Col. Montague Bates proposed the "Silent Toast" and also a toast to their "Salonika Comrades." A telegram was sent to General Milne of the Horse Guards in London stating "Nine officers dining here to-night send greetings to old comrades."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Henry S. de Vault has been registered as an auditor under the Companies Ordinances, 1911-1921.

Mr. Thomas Edward Jackson has been appointed Assistant Government Marine Surveyor with effect from April 1.

The name of Dr. John Peat Mackie, M.C.P.S. M.D., M.S., (Ontario) of the Matilda Hospital, has been added to the Hongkong list of Medical practitioners.

A Reuters cable from London announces the death of Sir Digby Macnaghten Probyn, a general who served through the Indian Mutiny and in the China campaign of 1860. He was equerry to King Edward, then Prince of Wales, and also from 1901 to 1910, since which time he had been Comptroller to Queen Alexandra.

According to a *Daily Bulletin* cable from Peking, Dr. Schurman, American Ambassador, has been conveyed to hospital suffering from a slight attack of dysentery.

OFFICIALS CHARGED.
DEMANDING MONEY ALLEGED.

An engineer of the Water Police and a coxswain of the Harbour Department were charged at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with demanding \$300 from Cheng Wah-yan, master of a coal junk, on May 15.

The coal junk master told the Court at 9.30 p.m. on the 15th, the two defendants went to his boat and stated that they were police officers. They began to search the junk, after which they asked the master. When witness said that he was the master, they demanded \$300. They gave him no reason, but said that if they did not get it they would kill him. Witness told them that he had done nothing wrong and wanted to know why they demanded the money. They then assaulted him. He did not cry, out for help as he thought they were policemen.

Complainant went on to say that the two defendants took him on board a motor boat they had brought with them, and told him that they were taking him to their inspector. After travelling about the harbour for some time they landed at Blake Pier at about 11.30 p.m. Witness asked them where they were taking him, and they told him if he did not keep silent they would shoot him. He was taken round town, defendants repeating the threats at intervals. Witness told them that he had no money, but they insisted that he should borrow it from a friend. After a long time, they returned to Kowloon, reaching the Police Pier at 1 a.m. There they were met by some detectives who asked him where he had come from, and on being told, they arrested the defendants.

Java Sugar—Market quiet. Philippines Sugar—Market weak. Saltpetre—Steady tone prevailing since last report.

CHINESE LOAN.

LONDON, June 20.

A Committee has been formed to represent the holders of Russia's portion of the Chinese 1913 Reorganisation Loan, whose bonds are at present not recognised by the Chinese Government. The Times city correspondent says the Committee has the support of the British and American Governments, who are inviting China to submit the matter to The Hague.—Reuters.

JAPANESE LOADLINE.

The current issue of the *Gazette* announces an order-in-council relating to loadline of Japanese ships in ports of the United Kingdom.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

June 21.—Coronet Theatre; Constance Talmadge in "The Primitive Lover."

June 21.—The Star Theatre; "The Toll Gate."

June 21.—World Theatre; "Brass."

June 21.—Queen's Theatre; "Maytime."

PUBLIC AUCTION.

June 25.—Lammert Bros. at Sales Rooms, printing machine etc. noon.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

July 7.—Further extraordinary meeting of A. S. Watson & Co. Ltd., at Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, 11.30 a.m.

September 16.—Extraordinary general meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the Registered Office of the Company, Pedder Street, noon.

October 3.—Second meeting of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office, Pedder Street, noon.

October 20.—Third meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office, Pedder Street, noon.

OTHER MEETINGS.

June 23.—Annual general meeting of the Peak Club at the Club, 6.30 p.m., and extraordinary general meeting immediately after.

July 14.—Further extraordinary meeting of the Peak Club, 6.30 p.m.

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CHURCH NOTES.

THE SPIRIT IN MAN.

In the well-known passage where St. Paul advises his readers to put on the whole armour of God, the Apostle is thinking of the Christian life as full of conflict and warfare. It needs what he calls the good soldier of Jesus Christ and for the moment St. Paul is considering how such a soldier should be armed for such a war. He is like some knight of the Middle Ages, standing in his castle yard and serving out to his vassals the weapons they need for the battle which is near at hand. "Take all your armour," he says. This is no holiday attire, no dress parade. You are to fight against principalities and powers. So take the whole armour of God. And then he puts it into their hands. There is, however, one curious thing about this armour. It has but one offensive weapon. The soldier of Jesus Christ is given to defend himself from his enemies, the shield of faith, the tunic of truth, the helmet of salvation, but to fight, to overcome, to disarm, he has but one weapon—the sword of the Spirit. Is it possible, then, that the Spirit of God entering into man can be to him a sword? that a man's character has this aggressive quality, that a man fights just by what he is? Yes, that seems to be the Apostle's argument. Looking at all the conflicts and collisions of life, its differences of opinion, its causes to be won, he thinks that the best fighting weapon is the spirit of a man's life. Behind all argument and persuasion, the only absolute argument, the final persuasion is the simple witness of the Spirit.

Under cross-examination by Mr. C. A. S. Russ who appeared for the defence, the complainant denied that he was taking defendants to get some money with which they were floating a business.

The hearing was adjourned.

VICTORIA DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Tuesday next, June 24, is the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. It was on this day in the year 1920 that Bishop C. R. D'Alpuget was consecrated the sixth Bishop of this diocese, and on the same day the Victoria Diocesan Association was started at a meeting in London. The Association was formed with the object of binding together those in England who were interested in this diocese and arousing greater interest in the work carried on here. When the Bishop came out a branch of the V.D.A. was started in the Colony and has been very active in organising meetings and study circles and in sending much needed supplies to the Missionary Hospitals. On Tuesday in many parishes in England, the Holy Communion will be offered with special intention for this diocese and the aims given to help the work here. 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On demand ... \$10.5
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael) ... 49.20
Sovereign (Bank's buying rate) ... \$13
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Monclan, (B. & S.) from Shanghai—A3. Coochu Maru (N. Y. K.) from Shanghai, Swatow—C1.

Lim Chow, (Sing Kee), from Haiphong, Pakhoi—C1.

Solviken, (Yuen Sing Fat) from Salyon—C4.

Lake Chiyo, (P. M. S. S.) from Singapore—West Point.

Sinkang, (B. & S.) from Canton—B2.

Luchow, (B. & S.) from Canton.

Jufuku Maru, (N. Y. K.) from Hamburg, Singapore—A3.

DEPARTURES.

Suisang, U. M. & Co. for Manil, Amoy—June 21.

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Malacca Maru, (N. Y. K.) for Japan, Shanghai—June 21.

Hoi Nam, (Kwong O) for Kwang Chow Wan—June 21.

Bandoeng Maru, (N.Y.K.) for Moli—June 21.

Luchow, (B. & S.) for Shanghai—June 21.

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INWARD MAIRS.

FROM	TO	TIME
SATURDAY, JUNE 21.		
EUROPE via Nagapatam (letters only, London 22nd May)	Lake Ontario Szechow	
Shanghai	Chantilly	
SUNDAY, JUNE 22.		
Shanghai, Japan, and Shanghai	Pres. Grant	
EUROPE via Nagapatam (Letters only London 22nd May)	Fornaces	
MONDAY, JUNE 23.		
U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Hayes	
Canada, U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Asia	
SATURDAY, JUNE 23.		
Australia and Manila	Kut	
TUESDAY, JULY 1.		
Strait	Saarbrucken	

OUTWARD MAIRS.

FROM	TO	TIME
SATURDAY, JUNE 21.	Luchow	1 p.m.
Shanghai, AUSTRALIA & New Zealand via Singapore and Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 10th July. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	Ning Chow	2 p.m.
Shanghai	Suisang	2 p.m.
Amoy and Manilla	Lisians	2.30 p.m.
Japan	Leesang	6 p.m.
Holhew and Haiphong	Hanoi	6 p.m.
Fort Bayard, Fakhoi and Haiphong	Tokohime Maru	6 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Menelias	6 p.m.
Japan, Canada, United States, Costa Rica and South America, EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.O.—due Victoria 17th July	Achilles	6 p.m.
Parcels 21st 5 p.m. Registration 2nd 9 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.	Chunshang	8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Kweiyang	9 a.m.
Java and Batavia	Porches	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foomoo	Tihsik	8 a.m.
Sampani and Wuchow	Amakawa Maru	8 a.m.
MONDAY, JUNE 22.	Cef	10 a.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27.

Manila, Amoy and Foochow

Strata, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S.

Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 26th July.

Parcels June 27 5 p.m. Registration 10.30 a.m. Letters 10.45 a.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24.

Java via Soerabaja

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow

Swatow and Bangkok

Amoy

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2.

Manila, Sandakan, AUSTRALIA and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 16th July. Parcels

5 p.m. and 7 a.m. Registration 8.45 a.m.

Letters 9.30 a.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 3.

Manila, Sandakan, E. & S. and Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 27th July.

Parcels June 27 5 p.m. Registration 10.30 a.m. Letters 10.45 a.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 4.

Manila, Sandakan, E. & S. and Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 28th July.

Parcels June 27 5 p.m. Registration 10.30 a.m. Letters 10.45 a.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 5.

Manila, Sandakan, E. & S. and Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 29th July.

Parcels June 27 5 p.m. Registration 10.30 a.m. Letters 10.45 a.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 6.

Manila, Sandakan, E. & S. and Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 30th July.

Parcels June 27 5 p.m. Registration 10.30 a.m. Letters 10.45 a.m.

MONDAY, JULY 7.

Manila, Sandakan, E. & S. and Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 31st July.

Parcels June 27 5 p.m. Registration 10.30 a.m. Letters 10.45 a.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 8.

Manila, Sandakan, E. & S. and Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 1st August.

Parcels June 27 5 p.m. Registration 10.30 a.m. Letters 10.45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9.

Manila, Sandakan, E. & S. and Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 2nd August.

Parcels June 27 5 p.m. Registration 10.30 a.m. Letters 10.45 a.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 10.